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Words of Remembrance

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September 11, 2001, shall always be indelibly etched in, and on, our minds forever and ever. That day, Tuesday, shall become the Pearl Harbor Day of my generation. Each of these days were attacks on America. That day, September 11, will always provide a time for self-reflection, pause and commemoration. The events of September 11, 2001, will become a national day of prayer and remembrance.

A feeling of pain is within each and every one of us. Pain is one emotion that each person must endure now and in future remembrances. Pain is to be felt. Pain should be felt. Any individual not feeling pain, nor having compassion, nor having a sense of frustration, certainly would be uncaring to his fellow man and would be oblivious to the surrounding events and environment.

The duplicity exhibited on September 11, 2001, which did take the lives of so many innocent people and did adversely effect the lives of so many more, shall never be forgotten. September 11, 2001, will live in our hearts and soul, as does December 7, 1941.

The associated pain will never completely pass. Healing will occur slowly. Healing will surely begin, but in varying degrees, in all of us. Each of us will deal with our response to this pain and to the healing process in our own way.

The United States of America shall endure. Our people will come together collectively and in unity. Some of the wrongs will be overcome and made right. Even though some of the physical infrastructures have been blemished, we shall, as a nation and as individuals, build on our moral foundation and innate humaneness and become stronger.

The sacrifice that we as individuals, and as a nation, must exhibit in order to reach this newly-found strength, will be severe and challenging, but enduring and possible.

Each of us will have to have the utmost faith in our fellow men and women. We will place our trust in God. America shall persevere and long remember.

God Bless America!

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BORST EXPLAINS NEW LAW TO IMPROVE INDIANA'S PREPAREDNESS TO COMBAT GROWING TERRORIST THREAT

On the morning of September 11, 2001, America's innocence was shattered. Approximately 20 deranged monsters managed to accomplish this feat in less than three hours. We now live in a new America, which understands that the unbelievable is believable; an America which has sworn that those behind these cowardly acts will be hunted down so they will not triumph again.

Within this new America, government officials must also create new policies to combat terrorism so this devastation and heartache will not be repeated.

Precautionary plans and measures must be implemented so that federal and local entities may take immediate action to contain the aftermath of such an attack. Although our innocence may not be immediately restored, our confidence in the government's ability to protect our safety may be strengthened through these preparedness activities.

Earlier this summer, anti-terrorism legislation was signed into law. Senate Bill 180 (now Public Law 156-2001), which I supported, was an anti-terrorism measure intended to improve Indiana's preparedness for acts of terrorism involving biological or chemical weapons. It requires the state Emergency Medical Services commission to provide training and certification standards to EMS personnel statewide for the use (administration) of antidotes, vaccines and antibiotics in situations related to a terrorist or military attack.

Under the new law, the state Department of Health will monitor dangerous communicable diseases and unnatural outbreaks of diseases known or

suspected to be used as weapons. After receiving a report of an unnatural disease outbreak, the Department of Health will notify the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the Indiana State Police and county health departments and law enforcement officials in affected areas.

Further, the new law requires the Department of Health to develop the capability to immediately perform preliminary analysis and identification of unknown substances that have been or may be employed as weapons. Public Law

156, which took effect July 1, establishes legal definitions of "terrorism" and "weapon of mass destruction" and sets forth criminal penalties for committing terrorist acts. The law also sets forth criminal penalties for committing terrorist acts. The law also creates a crime of "agricultural terrorism" and outlines criminal penalties for the use of weapons of mass destruction to damage, destroy, sicken or kill crops or livestock.

The law may need to be broadened to address other aspects of terrorism; however, Indiana is ahead of many states in preparing a response to such unthinkable atrocities as biological or chemical warfare.

Our prayers are with those families who have lost loved ones in these unprecedented terrorist attacks. Their faces will forever be etched into our memories. Yet we must not be afraid of what tomorrow may bring. Every Hoosier must combat terrorism in his or her own heart by continuing to live by the American way. Together, we will succeed and prevail over evil. United, we only grow stronger.



Firefighters raise a flag at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City following the deadly terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

LARGEST SHARE OF GAMBLING PROFITS GOES TO CUT "LICENSE PLATE TAX"

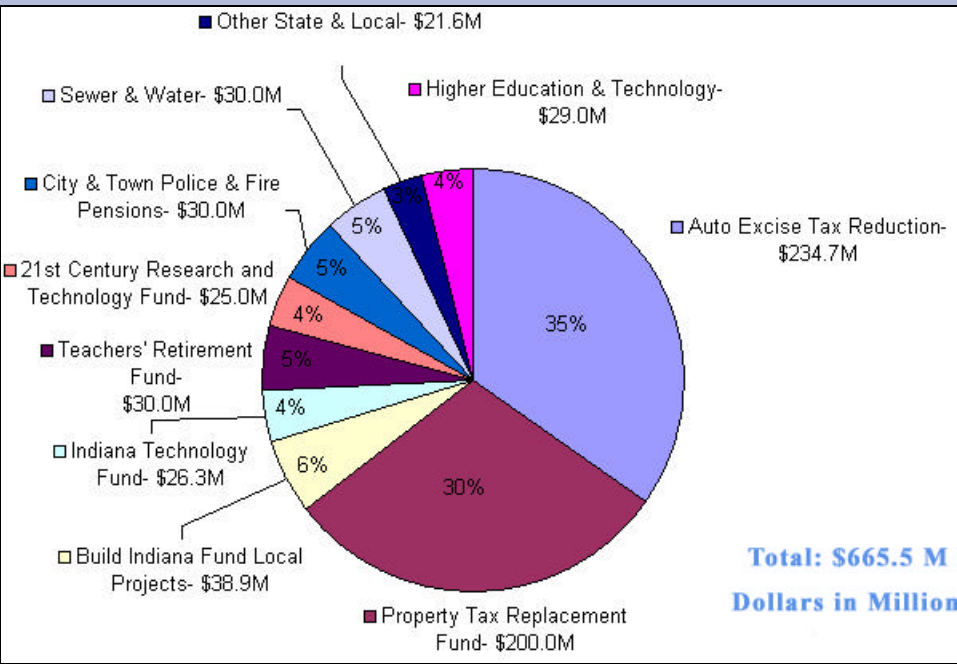
"Where does the lottery money go?" is a question I am asked often.

The state's share of profits from the Hoosier Lottery is combined with profits from river boat casinos, bingo and pari-mutuel horse racing into a single account within the Build Indiana Fund known as the "Lottery and Gaming Surplus Account."

For the budget year which began July 1, expenditures from the state's share of profits are expected to total \$665.5 million. The largest share of the profits, \$235 million, will go to cut the "license plate tax," the excise tax Indiana motorists pay annually when renewing their vehicle license plates.

The second-largest recipients of gambling profits are Indiana homeowners. This year, \$200 million is dedicated to the Property Tax Replacement Fund to bridge a shortfall brought on by overspending in other areas of the new state budget.

As the pie chart shows, some gambling profits are used to reduce



pension obligations to teachers, local police officers and firefighters.

Funds also are set aside for computer enhancements in local schools and public libraries (the Indiana Technology Fund) and to support the development of hi-tech research (21st Century Research & Technology Fund).

Six percent of the profits goes to the Build Indiana Fund, which provides state funding for local

projects ranging from firefighting and rescue equipment to street, sidewalk and park improvements.

Since 1990, the Build Indiana Fund has provided \$387 million for local projects. All 92 counties have received a portion of the funds.

If not for the Build Indiana Fund, many needed local projects either would not get done or property taxes would have to be raised to finance them.

TELEMARKETING BILL WILL STOP UNWANTED

Hoosiers fed up with the constant barrage of telemarketing calls into their homes now have a way to help stop these calls and regain some of their privacy.

Under the law, Attorney General Steve Carter will compile a list of Indiana citizens who call his office seeking to have their names placed in a Do Not Call directory. Hoosiers have until December 31st to be placed on the initial list. After that, telemarketers may no longer

call the numbers of anyone whose names are listed.

What has undermined these laws in other states are the large number of exemptions, ie. businesses to whom the law didn't apply. In our state, there are only four exemptions, far and away the fewest of any state.

Exempt organizations are charities, newspapers, licensed realtors, and licensed insurance agents. However, none of these organiza-

tions may use professional telemarketing companies to make their calls. Instead, the calls must be made by their own employees or volunteers.

To add your name to the "no call" list, telephone the Attorney General's office toll free at 1-888-834-9969. You can also register online at: www.ai.org